

## **2008 Wachusett Watershed Ranger Programs**



The Wachusett Watershed Rangers are launching a series of interpretive programs open to the public of all ages. Come to the reservoir, meet the rangers, have some fun, and learn about the importance of clean water and its many benefits. There is no cost to attend these programs.

**Learn to fish at Wachusett - June 21<sup>st</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> 9-11 A.M.** - This program will focus on fishing techniques, species that live in the reservoir, the importance of keeping the water clean (lead and mercury free), and being an environmentally responsible angler. A group fishing license as well as fishing poles and tackle will be provided by the Mass. Department of Fish and Wildlife. Meet at the Old Stone Church on Beaman Street in West Boylston.

**Reservoir history - July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> 10-11 A.M. and 1-2 P.M.** - Come and learn about the history behind the Wachusett reservoir. Rangers will present several photographs and a slideshow regarding life in the valley before and during the reservoir's construction. Meet at the Old Stone Church on Beaman Street in West Boylston.

**A cellar holes tour - August 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-11:30 A.M.** - The rangers will lead a guided hike into the woodlands surrounding the reservoir and will explore the former homestead sites that once stood in the valley. The rangers will also discuss land use changes, reservoir history, and clean drinking water needs. Please wear hiking boots or sneakers. Meet at the parking lot at the intersection of Route 110 and Chase Hill Rd. in Sterling.

For more information or for directions, please contact Ranger Rebecca Baronoski at the Wachusett Reservoir Ranger Station at **978-365-3800, ext.23**.



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